



## ENCM HENRY SOSA III

### United States Navy

Henry Sosa III enlisted in the Navy in February 1992 and completed recruit training at Orlando, FL, April 1992. After completing recruit training, he attended Basic Enlisted Submarine School, Basic Electrical and Electronics Rate School, Radioman "A" School in Groton, CT, and advanced to Petty Officer Third Class. December 1993, Petty Officer Sosa reported to USS WEST VIRGINIA (SSBN 736 blue) Kings Bay, GA, where he served as radio supervisor, earning the coveted Enlisted Submarine "Dolphins" Insignia and then advanced to Petty Officer Second Class.

March 1996 Petty Officer Sosa attended Engineman "A" and "C" schools and reported to his first surface ship USS GUARDIAN (MCM 5) in Sasebo, Japan. October 1997, he transferred to USS CURTS (FFG 38), home ported in San Diego, CA. While onboard CURTS, he deployed to the southern pacific in support of counter-narcotic operations and a Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercise, also earning the Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist Insignia and qualified as Engineering Officer of the Watch (EOOW).

After a successful tour on CURTS, Petty Officer Sosa was assigned to Commander Naval Beach Group ONE (CNBG-1), Coronado, CA, and worked as Inspection Team Lead for all west coast Maritime Prepositioning Forces' (MPF) Navy Lighterage Systems. December 1999, he was meritoriously advanced to Petty Officer First Class and was named as CNBG-1 Sailor of the Year.

In January 2002, he was transferred to USS CHIEF (MCM 14), Ingleside, TX. Petty Officer Sosa held numerous billets from Main Division Leading Petty Officer, to Main Propulsion Assistant (MPA) and again qualified EOOW during a seven month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea. Although serving as MPA was demanding, it was very rewarding, proving to be the cornerstone for his advancement to Chief Petty Officer. August 2004, Chief Sosa transferred to the US Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD, where he served as the Chief Engineer to 21 Yard Patrol (YP) craft and subsequently qualified as YP Craftmaster.

Chief Sosa was transferred in August 2007 to Assault Craft Unit FIVE (ACU 5) where he qualified as a Landing Craft Air Cushion (LCAC) Operator and selected to the rank of Senior Chief Petty Officer, July 2008. While serving at ACU 5, he deployed to the western pacific and Arabian Gulf attached to USS BONHOMME RICHARD (LHD 6), USS RUSHMORE (LSD 47), and USS MAKIN ISLAND (LHD 8). Senior Chief Sosa served as the Operations Department Leading Chief Petty Officer and earned the Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist Insignia.

October 2013, Senior Chief Sosa reported onboard USS RONALD REAGAN (CVN 76) and served as the Engineering Department Leading Chief Petty Officer. Senior Chief Sosa was selected to his present rank of Master Chief Petty Officer in July 2014 and reassigned to Expeditionary Warfare Training Group, Atlantic (EWTGLANT) where he serves as the Senior Enlisted Advisor and instructs prospective LCAC operators.

Master Chief Sosa's awards include the Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medal (4) gold stars, Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal (1) gold star, Global War On Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War On Terrorism Service Medal, Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation, Navy Good Conduct Medal (1) Silver Star and (1) Bronze Star, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (1) Silver Star, and the National Defense Service Medal (1) Bronze Star. He is also authorized to wear the SSBN Deterrent Patrol Insignia (4) gold stars, Small Craft Insignia, and Craftmaster Insignia.